

We claim:

1. A strap for securing a side airbag, said strap being connectable at a first end of the strap via a fastening portion of the strap to an airbag and at a second end of the strap via a second portion of the strap to a vehicle part, wherein the fastening portion and the second portion each have constant cross-sections and a tapered portion of the strap is located therebetween, the cross-sectional width of the fastening portion being larger than the cross-sectional width of the second portion and the tapered portion providing a transition therebetween, the strap being constructed from a constant number of individual fibers extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the strap.

2. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the second portion has a hollow cross-section and the fastening portion has a solid cross-section.

3. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the second portion has a substantially circular cross-section and the fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

4. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 2, wherein the second portion has a substantially circular cross-section and the fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

5. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the strap has a second fastening portion with a constant cross-sectional width, attached to an end of the second portion distal from the other fastening portion by a second tapered portion.

6. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 2, wherein the strap has a second fastening portion with a constant cross-sectional width, attached to an end of the second portion distal from the other fastening portion by a second tapered portion.

7. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 3, wherein the strap has a second fastening portion with a constant cross-sectional width, attached to an end of the second portion distal from the other fastening portion by a second tapered portion.

8. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 4, wherein the strap has a second fastening portion with a constant cross-sectional width, attached to an end of the second portion distal from the other fastening portion by a second tapered portion.

9. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 5, wherein the second fastening portion has solid cross-section.

10. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 6, wherein the second fastening portion has solid cross-section.

11. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 7, wherein the second fastening portion has solid cross-section.

12. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 8, wherein the second fastening portion has solid cross-section.

13. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 5, wherein the second fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

14. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 6, wherein the second fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

15. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 7, wherein the second fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

16. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 8, wherein the second fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

17. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 9, wherein the second fastening portion has a substantially rectangular cross-section.

18. The strap for securing a side airbag according claim 1, wherein the strap has a length and the tapering portion has a length and the ratio of the length of the strap to the length of the tapering portion is in a range of about 20 to about 1000.

19. The strap for securing a side airbag according claim 1, wherein the strap has a length and the tapering portion has a length and the ratio of the length of the strap to the length of the tapering portion is in a range of about 230 to about 400.

20. The strap for securing a side airbag according to claim 1, wherein the strap is free of seams.